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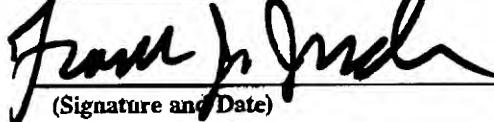
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Toshiro AKIRA  
 Serial No. : 09/159,968  
 Filed : September 24, 1998  
 For : METHOD OF CORRECTING TRANSFER OF A THIN MATERIAL AND A THIN MATERIAL TRANSFER APPARATUS  
 Group Art Unit : 2786  
 Examiner : R. Hartman, Jr.

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.313(b) TO WITHDRAW FROM  
ISSUE U.S. SERIAL NO. 09/159,968**

Sir:

The issue fee was paid on December 28, 2000,

This Petition is being filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.313(b)(S) to permit consideration of an

Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 in a continuing application.

In this regard, Applicant became aware of prior art which was cited in the European corresponding application in a European Patent Official Action dated December 21, 2000. Attached hereto is an Information Disclosure Statement which includes a copy of this European Official Action along with PTO Form 1449 and copies of the two references cited in the European Official Action.

Also attached hereto is a CPA application.

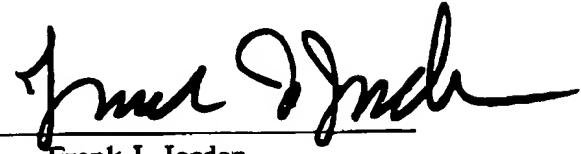
It is believed that the filing of the accompanying CPA application and IDS along with this Petition meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.313(b)(5). Accordingly, withdrawal of this application from issue and acceptance of this CPA application along with entry and consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Please charge the Petition fee of \$130.00 to Deposit Account 10-1250. If there are any additional charges, please charge to the same Deposit Account No.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encls.

- (1) CPA Application
- (2) IDS (including PTO Form 1449, copy of the European Official Action and copies of two references)